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It's A Dog's Life

Events involving dogs took on an unusual significance around Chatham in recent weeks, especially when a Town Councilman was threatened in his own South Chatham yard by a Black and Tan Coon Hound who recently moved there from North Chatham.

Councilman Thomas F. Motley, III, was standing in his own yard when Tracker Bloomer (not a panty raid) held him at bay. It is not known what Tracker thought Councilman Motley was. Tracker, who has a deep and widely known voice, formerly chased people along Hargrave Boulevard but only rarely bit anyone.

While Tracker was keeping people on their toes in South Chatham, residents of North Chatham were expressing distress over the disappearance of Coconut Reynolds, a fluffy white Samoyed whose ancestors used to pull sleds and herd reindeer in Russia. A News & Gossip investigation has determined that Coconut was banished from her North Main Street home by a landlady who decided she was no longer desirable.

Coconut is living with relatives in the county and reported to be getting along happily.

In midtown, a new dog arrived several weeks ago who usually sleeps on the west side of Main Street, in the roadway in front of Woodfin's. He sometimes favors the steps of the old Bank of Chatham.

A striking yellowish-brown dog with large, pointed ears, he is short of stature and appears to be guarding a brown car. When the car drives off, he chases it. But he returns by foot when the car returns.

It's always nice to have a responsible new dog in town.

--EH & CH

Quote of the Issue

When children returned to Central Elementary after missing 11 snow days, Principal James Pearson greeted them cheerfully by asking, "How did you enjoy your summer vacation?" --CH

Notice

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Editorial

During the recent bitterly cold weather, we were reminded of something Chatham needs very much--a huge thermometer on Main Street. People would be very interested in it in the hot weather as well as the cold. We urge Mr. Ben Davenport, owner of the Chatham Oil Company, to put a big thermometer on the sign in front of his office. It is a good ad for him since he is in the heating and air-conditioning business. And it would be in keeping with Mr. Davenport's civic-mindedness. Among other things, he sponsors the Twins Little League team which is very important. If Mr. Davenport doesn't put up a thermometer, maybe the new bank will.

--RH

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How can the News & Gossip make fun of my grandfather delivering my papers for me when Robert's daddy does so much of the News & Gossip for him? --Scott Emerson

The Nose

The Nose has picked up many reports of a rancid scandal brewing on South Main Street over alleged shenanigans concerning the estate of a recently deceased widow. The Nose twitches.

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The Chatham boy reported by The Nose to have fallen asleep at the U.S. Supreme Court has issued a strong denial. After resniffing sources, The Nose stands by its original report.

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The Nose notes fresh concern over the condition of the local pastorate. The preacher pinched for speeding a few months ago was nabbed again by an alert Chatham police officer, who claimed the minister was speeding. The minister protested and the officer let him go. Nice policeman. Sharp preacher!

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A Chatham lady telephoned a Main Street florist and said she wanted to send something "small, inexpensive and beautiful." The florist thought a moment and said, "Send me!"

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The fracas on North Main between the two ladies over the common driveway has assumed a Western dimension. The Nose has it on highest authority that one lady is using a lawyer from Colorado. The Nose is blown.

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The Nose can report from a knowledgeable source that local politicians, in reaction to a News & Gossip scoop, are flocking to Oliver's Grocery to see which among them is depicted in the mural with a tiny forked tongue.

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The Nose has it on high authority that the prominent Chatham Democratic politician who heard from Lady Bird Johnson on election eve had another distinguished caller that evening--Governor Robb. Both calls were to express sorrow over the death of the local politician's father. The Nose marvels.